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VENOM. ALIEN, KILLER, WORK OF ART! WHEN I, THE WIZARD, LEARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT FOUND A NEW HOST FOR THE VENOM SYMBIOTE, I WAS SURPRISED AT THEIR INGENUITY...

...BUT I FOUND THEIR EXECUTION *WANTING*.

SEEKING TO REPLICATE THEIR PROCESS USING CARNAGE--VENOM'S BLOODTHIRSTY SPAWN--I ASSEMBLED A NEW "FRIGHTFUL FOUR." JOINING US ARE DR. KARL MALUS, A SKILLED SURGEON, AND MY SONIC COLLEAGUE, KLAW.

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PROJECT REBIRTH ~~2.0~~ 3.0

Name: Eugene "~~Flash~~" Thompson CLETUS KASADY

Rank: Corporal U.S. Army

SSN: 987-08-1962

Notes: ~~High school bully~~ turned war hero. ~~Flash Thompson~~ has always been brave. As a teenager he even impersonated Spider-Man to try and save the hero's reputation. He lost his legs in the Middle East while saving his commanding officer. He said his heroism was "what Spider-Man would have done."

--HAS NO MIND LEFT TO CONTROL. PLAN B?

CLETUS KASADY, CARNAGE'S FORMER HOST, HAS UNFORTUNATELY BEEN LOBOTOMIZED, SO I HAD TO IMPROVISE AND DEMAND THAT DR. MALUS' CONTRIBUTION BE A BIT MORE SUBSTANTIAL.

NO BRAIN.

DUR

I GUESS THAT MEANS WE AREN'T THE "FRIGHTFUL FOUR" ANYMORE... BUT, HEY, YOU HAVE TO CRACK A FEW EGGS TO MAKE A *KILLER* OMELET.

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FAO: All A-Level Security Personnel

Murder convict & mental patient CLETUS KASADY has been infected with the highly unstable venom symbiote, transforming him into a viciously dangerous creature, now known as CARNAGE. Be advised, he will attack without provocation.

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AFTER ALL, WITH CARNAGE AS MINE TO COMMAND, WHO SAYS WE WON'T BECOME SOMETHING...

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THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

MY NAME IS DR. KARL MALUS, THE *BRILLIANT* SURGEON RECRUITED BY THE WIZARD TO HELP TURN CARNAGE INTO HIS OWN AGENT OF EVIL.

BEEP!

WHAT THE WIZARD DIDN'T KNOW, HOWEVER, WAS THAT CLETUS KASADY HAS BEEN *LOBOTOMIZED*, RENDERING HIM IMPERVIOUS TO MIND CONTROL.

BEEP! BEEP!

WHAT *I* DIDN'T KNOW IS THAT THE WIZARD HIMSELF MIGHT BE LOSING HIS MIND.

AND NOW HE'S DETERMINED TO TRANSFER THE SYMBIOTE INTO SOMEONE WHOSE MIND HE CAN CONTROL.

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

SO STRIKE THE WORD "*BRILLIANT*" FROM MY TITLE, BECAUSE I JUST GOT SUCKERED INTO BECOMING...

A HUMAN GUINEA PIG!

RAHHHHHHHHRRRRRRR!

YES! IT'S WORKING!

UNLEASH HIM AND LET ME AT HIM.

KLANK!

AHHHH!

YOU WILL SUFFER, FOOLS!

UNH!

YOU'LL REGRET WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

AS YOU DIE AT THE HANDS OF --

UNH!

ARGHHH!

CUTTING INTO SOUND IS THE SAME AS GETTING BLASTED BY IT, YOU STUPID SYMBIOTE!

PLUS I CAN HEAL MYSELF.

I DON'T NEED THE SYMBIOTE TO SMASH YOUR FACE IN.

NO, YOU JUST NEED IT TO *WALK*.

KLAW, MY HELMET.

QUICKLY, BEFORE HE CAN ADAPT TO THE SYMBIOTE'S RHYTHMS.

TOO LATE, VERMIN! YOU'RE ALL GOING TO DIE!

NOT THIS TIME!

AHHHH!

YOU CAN'T HIDE FROM THE WIZARD, MALUS.

SO MUCH ANGER!

SSSSEEPING IN!

CAN'T FOCUS.

I CAN GET INTO EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF YOUR MIND.

THE YEARS I'VE SUFFERED IN THAT CHAIR!

BE HOSSSST!

TOO MANY VOICES!

I KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS, YOUR SECRETS.

SSSSUCCUMB!

REALLY? AMANDA BYNES?

SSSSACRIFICE!

GIVE IN TO ME!

THOUGHTS AREN'T MINE. THE WIZARD. THE SYMBIOTE. ALL COMPETING TO BECOME...

SUPERIOR CARNAGE!

FINALLY!

AT LAST, OUR FRIGHTFUL FOUNDATION HAS TAKEN SHAPE. AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES THAN TO STORM THIS TOWN BY TAKING CITY HALL.

CARNAGE! MY ARSENAL IS AT YOUR DISPOSAL. ARM YOURSELF WITH WHATEVER WEAPONS YOU FEEL SUIT YOUR COMING OUT PARTY.

AND MORPH A COAT OR SOMETHING. I'M TIRED OF ALL THE BUTTOCKS AND CROTCHES ON DISPLAY IN THIS TOWN. YOU ARE MY SOLDIER AND MY SERVANT AND YOU WILL ACT ACCORDINGLY.

AS YOU WISH.

DON'T BE FOOLED, KLAW. THE WIZARD'S CONTROL OVER ME IS TENUOUS AT BEST.

I'M FORCED TO OBEY HIS HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION, BUT IF HIS MIND SLIPS EVEN THE TINIEST BIT, THE SYMBIOTE WILL PREVAIL. AND THEN ANYTHING GOES.

WE HAVE TO FIX MY ARM.

NO NEED. SUPERIOR CARNAGE IS OUR SECRET WEAPON NOW. WITH HIM AT THE HELM WE WILL BE INVINCIBLE.

WE HAVE TO FIX MY ARM.

VERY WELL. WE COULD BOTH USE A TUNE-UP.

Later.

IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT. ARE YOU SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

WIZARD?

HUH?

OH. YES. I WAS...I WAS *CONCENTRATING.*

WE NEED TO TALK, BENTLEY.

THERE ARE STORIES THAT ***BLACK BOLT*** MAY HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO YOUR BRAIN.

THAT WOULDN'T BE A LIE, MY FRIEND.

BUT WHAT HE DID WAS GIVE ME ***CLARITY***. MY BRAIN IS COMING ALIVE, KLAW.

I KNOW THEY SAY IT'S A TUMOR. BUT IT'S MORE LIKE AN AWARENESS SPREADING ACROSS IT. A CLARITY I'VE LACKED FOR TOO LONG.

YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME. HOW DO WE KNOW YOU'LL MAKE IT TO THE END OF THIS MISSION? HOW DO WE KNOW YOU HAVE THE MEANS TO REPAIR MY ARM PROPERLY?

WE DON'T.

BUT MY BOY IS ONLY TWELVE, KLAW. THE WIZARD HE'S KNOWN HAS BEEN A JOKE. A LACKEY FOR GROUPS LIKE A.I.M. AND INTELLIGENCIA.

IF I CAN JUST PULL THIS OFF. JUST SIT IN THE MAYOR'S CHAIR AND CLAIM THIS CITY AS MY OWN, I WILL HAVE AT LEAST SHOWN HIM WHO HIS FATHER TRULY WAS.

IS.

BUT I NEED YOUR HELP.

I COULDN'T DECIDE ON A SIGNATURE WEAPON.

SO I JUST TOOK THEM ALL.

EXCELLENT! NOW WE JUST NEED ONE MORE THING TO FALL INTO PLACE AND WE CAN FINALLY TAKE DOWN THAT *JOHNNY STORM* ONCE AND FOR ALL.

YOU MEAN J. JONAH JAMESON.

HUH? YES, OF COURSE. FIRST THINGS FIRST.

I--I MEAN. THAT'LL BE MY NEXT PLAN. I WAS MERELY...

WIZARD!

YOUR SON WILL NOT SEE YOU AS MAYOR.

HE WILL SEE YOU AS RULER OF THE *WORLD*.

WE WILL MERELY START WITH CITY HALL.

THANK YOU.

JUST PROMISE ME THAT WHEN THIS IS OVER WE'LL COME BACK AND FIX MY ARM PROPERLY.

OH, MY DEAR BOY.

I WONT BE COMING BACK.

CLICK

KAIJU WAR

TO CITY HALL!

City Hall.

I DON'T CARE IF THE SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY GETS COMPLETED IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE CENTURY! I JUST GOT RID OF ALISTAIR SMYTHE, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD. WON'T THAT GET ME A FEW BUMPS IN THE POLLS?

THAT WAS YESTERDAY'S NEWS CYCLE, SIR. WE NEED TO FOCUS ON TODAY.

AND WHY AREN'T WE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT CARNAGE'S ESCAPE FROM PRISON?

SPIDER-MAN HAS ASSURED US HE HAS THAT UNDER CONTROL, SIR.

I'M SURE.

MAYOR LAGUARDIA DEALT WITH THE DEPRESSION. KOCH HAD THE ECONOMY. HOW IN THE WORLD DID I GET STUCK WITH RAVING LUNATICS?

LET'S JUST FOCUS ON THE SUBWAY SUPPORTERS.

I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SUBWAY SUPPORTERS.

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

RUMBLE

SMASH!

LOOK OUT!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR?

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU FOOL. I'M FINE.

WHERE IN THE WORLD DID THAT COME FR--

OH, NO!

THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR TRAIN IS NOW IN SERVICE.

THANKS TO KLAW'S SONIC CREATION.

IT'S AN ATTACK! GET THE MAYOR OUT OF HERE!

MOVE! MOVE! MOVE!

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO YOUR OFFICE! IT'S THE SECUREST ROOM IN THE BUILDING.

IT'S THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR, BUT I ONLY HAVE EYES ON TWO. REPEAT. I ONLY HAVE EYES ON TWO.

WELL, DON'T STRAIN YOUR EYES TOO HARD...

'CAUSE I COMBINED THE REMAINING TWO INTO ONE!

WELCOME TO HELL, NEW YORK!

TURNS OUT I DON'T MIND THE HEAT AFTER ALL, AS LONG AS I'M THE ONE PULLING THE TRIGGER

HA HA HA! CLETUS KASADY WAS A FOOL WASTING SO MUCH TIME ON CHAOS...

WHEN YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH SO MUCH MORE WITH A LITTLE...

FOCUS!

BAM!

UNH!

KA-BOOOM

THEY'VE BROKEN THROUGH TO THE WAITING ROOM.

GIVE US JAMESON!

CARNAGE IS MORPHING BACK TO HIS ORIGINAL FORM!

KLAW!

HELP ME.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM.

FOOOSH!

WE'RE ATTACKING CITY HALL.

YOU'RE DOING IT.

YOU'RE DOING IT!

YES.

YES, I REMEMBER!

BLAST!

I'M COMING FOR YOU, JAMESON! THIS CITY WILL BE MINE!

THE WIZARD HAS RETURNED!

THAT WASN'T A SLIP, WAS IT? 'CAUSE I FELT ALL TINGLY FOR A SECOND

JUST DO YOUR JOB AND WE'LL ALL BENEFIT FROM THIS.

OH, I'LL BENEFIT, ALL RIGHT

COMING, MY MASTER.

CARNAGE! WHERE ARE YOU?

THESE MEN DIDN'T BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAID THE WIZARD WAS ABLE TO HARNESS THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF CARNAGE.

TELL THEM WHO YOU ANSWER TO NOW.

YOU, MY MASTER.

DID YOU CATCH THAT?

NOW SHOW THEM WHAT I CAN MAKE YOU DO.

SLASH!

I MEANT BLOW THE DOOR DOWN.

OH. FORCE OF HABIT.

RATATATAT ATATATAT ATATATATAT!

YOUR TERM IS UP, JAMESON. THERE'S A NEW MAYOR IN--

YOU KNOW WHY THEY SAY YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL?

'CAUSE CITY HALL FIGHTS BACK.

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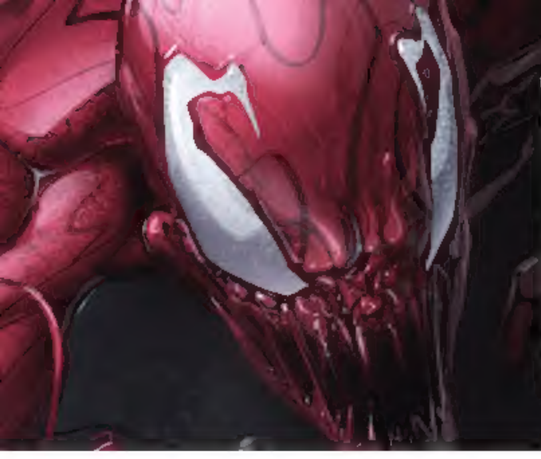

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